

# Heathwood Hall

## TECHNOLOGY

The Upper School One-to-One program is a Bring-Your-Own-Laptop program for grades 10-12 in which each family provides a laptop for the student to bring to school and use each day. Students may bring an Apple (MacOS) or a Windows laptop. The **minimum specifications** below are designed so students will have laptops capable of running the academic software required. This allows us to have an excellent instructional environment for our students and teachers.

- **MacOS computer** - MacBook, MacBook Air, or MacBook Pro; MacOS 11; 8 GB RAM, 256 GB SSD hard drive.
- **Windows computer** - Windows 10; Intel or AMD processor 2GHz or higher, 8 GB RAM, 256 GB SSD hard drive, and 5Ghz Wi-fi.

### Important Considerations

- **Purchasing a new computer?** The above minimum specifications are just that, minimums. If you are purchasing a new computer to use for several years please consider...
  - Processor:
    - Windows Computers - Core i5 or Core i7 or an AMD Ryzen 5 or Ryzen 7.
    - Any new MacBook will have a sufficient processor.
  - Memory: 16GB of RAM
  - Hard Drive: 500+ GB SSD.
- **Battery Life** - The battery life of the student's laptop is the most important consideration. Students will use their laptops throughout the day and should be able to make it through the day on a full charge the night before.
- **Size** - Students will be carrying these laptops along with their books and using them in class. Therefore, a lighter, smaller, more portable laptop is likely a better choice than a larger and heavier laptop.

### Laptop Care and Maintenance

Students must take good care of their laptops so they are available for use in the classroom and at home. Having a bag that accommodates the laptop, charging the laptop fully every night, and keeping the laptop's software up-to-date are all important to students having a good experience. **Further, if your child's laptop needs service, it is critical that the family get the service completed quickly. The Technology Department will provide students a loaner laptop to use when a laptop is being serviced. These laptops are loaned for one week only.**

The Upper School's Acceptable and Responsible Use Policy can be found in the Upper School Student and Parent Handbook and Heathwood-specific questions can be answered by Ryan Novak (rnovak@heathwood.org or 803.231.7747). The Acceptable and Responsible Use Policy is reviewed and updated each summer. If you have questions or wish to talk about our 1:1 technology initiative, please feel free to reach out to Ryan Novak via phone or email.